

CLAIMS

1 1. A cover for the blades of a two-bladed vaginal speculum,
2 comprising:

3 a tubular sheath of a flexible film material having a proximal open end
4 for receiving tips of the speculum blade and an open distal end to allow
5 observation of the vaginal area beyond the distal end; and

6 two elongated, longitudinally extending pouches formed on the wall of
7 the tubular sheath at diametrically opposed points and having openings at their
8 proximal ends to receive the tips of the two speculum blades.

1 2. The speculum cover of claim 1 further including pointed tips
2 formed forward of the distal ends of each of the pouches adapted to guide the
3 speculum blades, encased in the pouches, into the vagina.

1 3. The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the exterior of the cover
2 is prelubricated with a vaginal lubricant.

1 4. The speculum cover of claim 1 including an enlarged diameter
2 section at the proximal end to ease the reception of the speculum blades.

1 5. The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the sheet material
2 constitutes latex.

1 6. The speculum cover of claim 1 wherein the pouches are formed
2 on the interior of wall of the tubular sheath.

1 7. A sheet cover for two blades of a two-bladed vaginal speculum,
2 comprising:
3 a tubular section;
4 an opening in the tubular section at the proximal end to receive the
5 speculum blades;
6 an opening at the distal end of the tubular section, extending the full
7 diameter of the tube, to allow observation through the speculum; and
8 pointed tips disposed at diametrically opposed points on the distal end
9 of the tube adapted to guide the tube encasing the blades into the vagina.

1 8. The sheet cover of claim 7 including a lubricated coating on the
2 exterior of the tube.

1 9. The sheet cover of claim 7 wherein the sheet material is latex.

1 10. The sheet cover of claim 7 further including a pair of pouches
2 extending in a longitudinal direction from said tips and having open proximal
3 ends, said pouches being adapted to retain the tips of the retractor blades within
4 the cover during insertion of the covered blades to avoid rollback of the cover
5 on the retractor blades.

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- 1 11. The sheet cover of claim 10 wherein the pouches are formed on
- 2 the interior wall of the tubular section.